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BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

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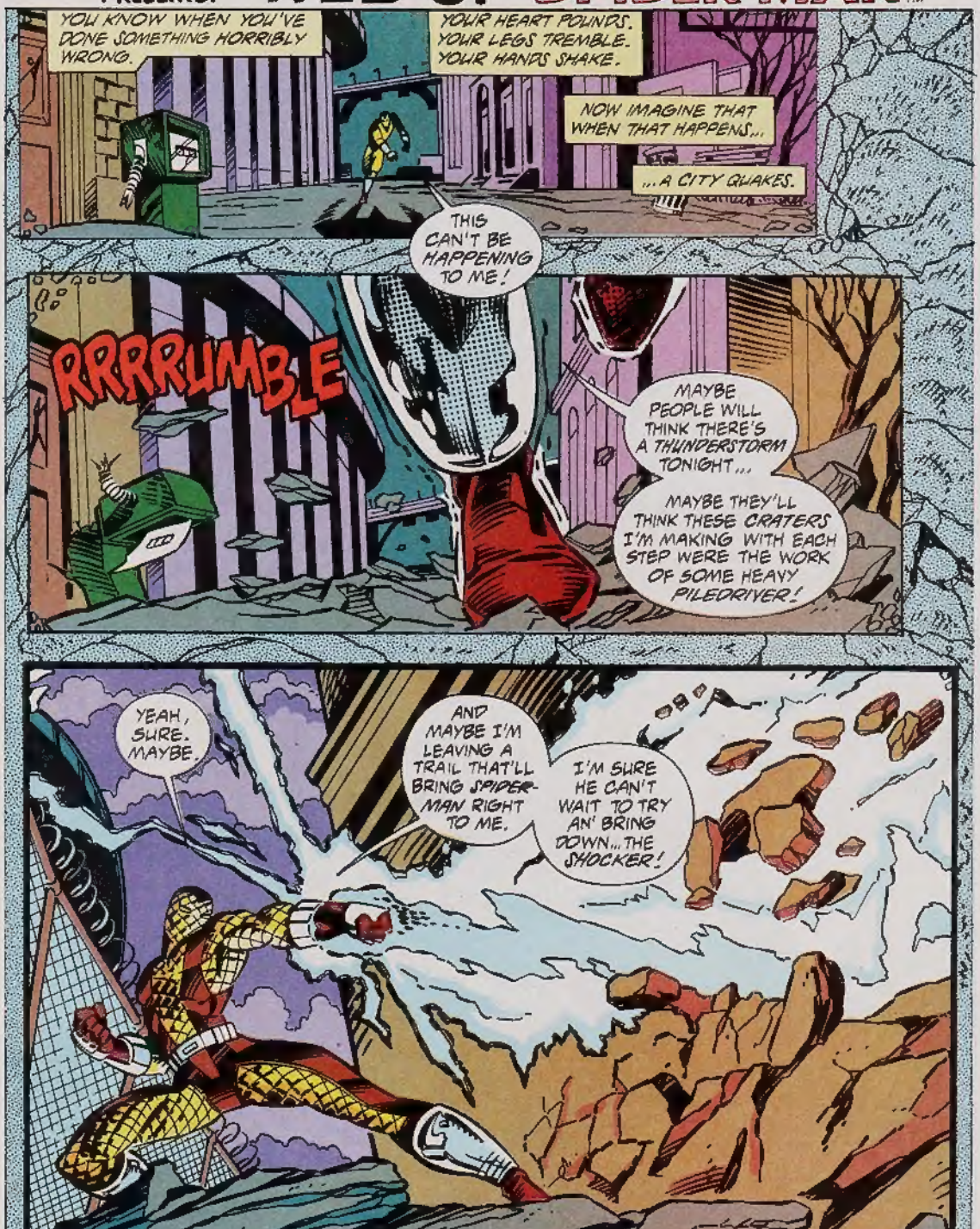
YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING HORRIBLY WRONG.
YOUR HEART POUNDS. YOUR LEGS TREMBLE. YOUR HANDS SHAKE.
NOW IMAGINE THAT WHEN THAT HAPPENS...
...A CITY QUAKES.
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME!
RRRRUMBLE
MAYBE PEOPLE WILL THINK THERE'S A THUNDERSTORM TONIGHT...
MAYBE THEY'LL THINK THESE CRATERS I'M MAKING WITH EACH STEP WERE THE WORK OF SOME HEAVY PILEDRIVER!
YEAH, SURE. MAYBE.
AND MAYBE I'M LEAVING A TRAIL THAT'LL BRING SPIDER-MAN RIGHT TO ME.
I'M SURE HE CAN'T WAIT TO TRY AN' BRING DOWN... THE SHOCKER!

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WHAT A BEAUTIFUL, CALM NIGHT FOR A LITTLE WEB-SWINGING.
ESPECIALLY AFTER ALL THE EXCITEMENT OF THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS.
YEAH, IT'LL BE NICE TO STOP A MUGGING OR TWO AS OPPOSED TO CRUSADING THROUGH THE UNIVERSE OR BATTLING SANDSPAWNED VILLAINS ALL OVER EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY.*
THWIPP
A SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM
*SEE WEB #'S 104-108 FOR ALL THE ACTION. --ERIC

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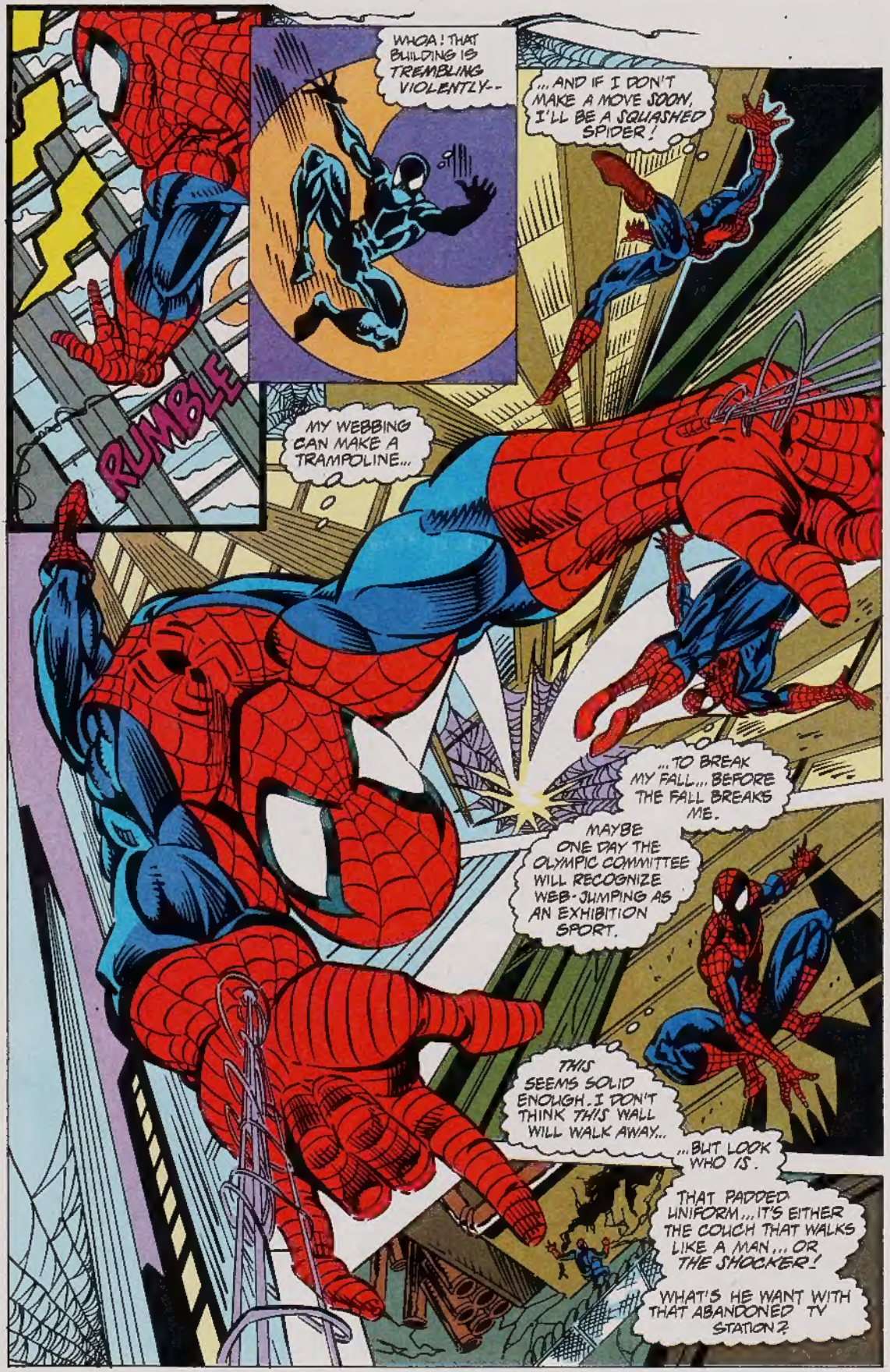
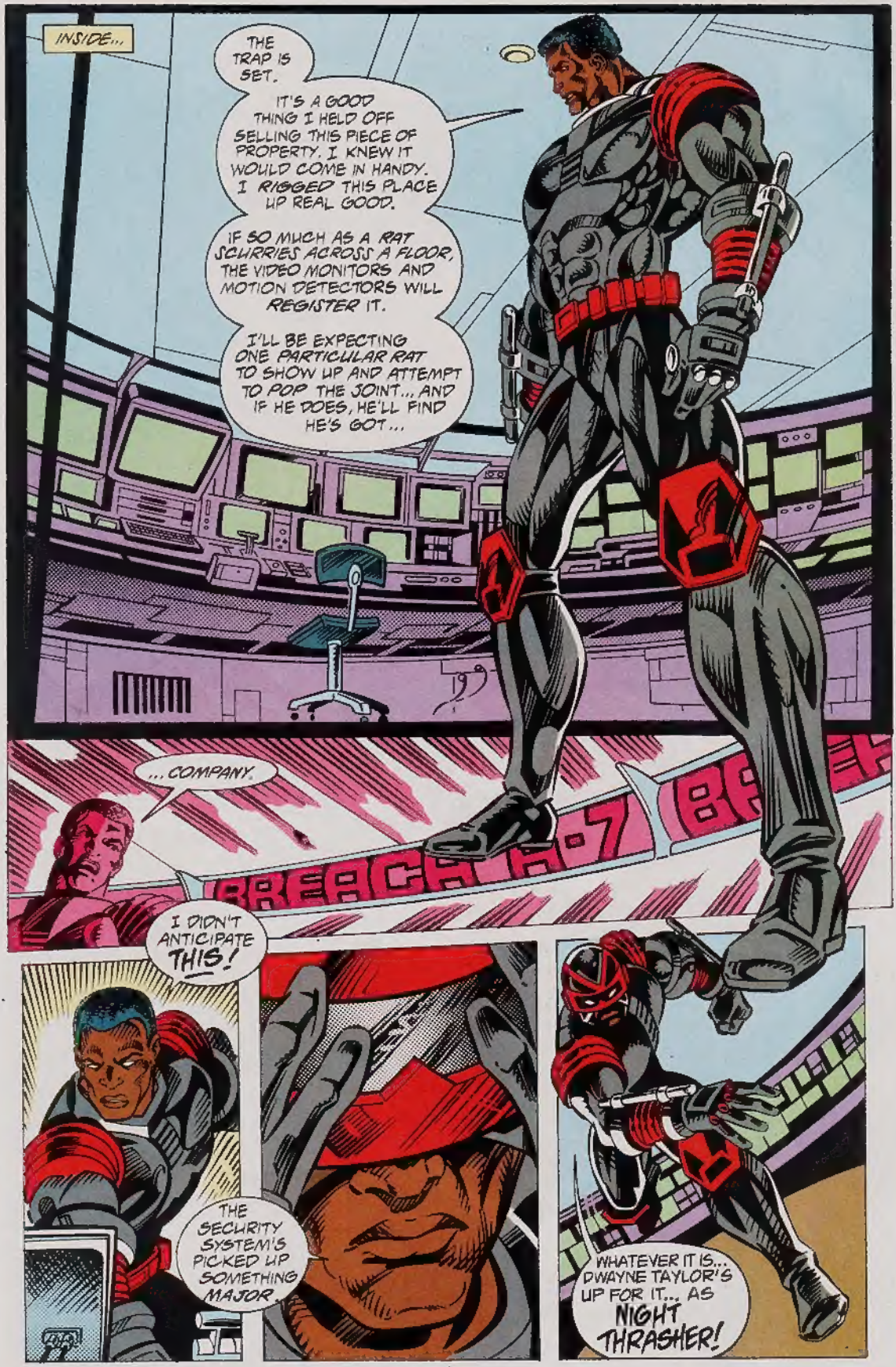
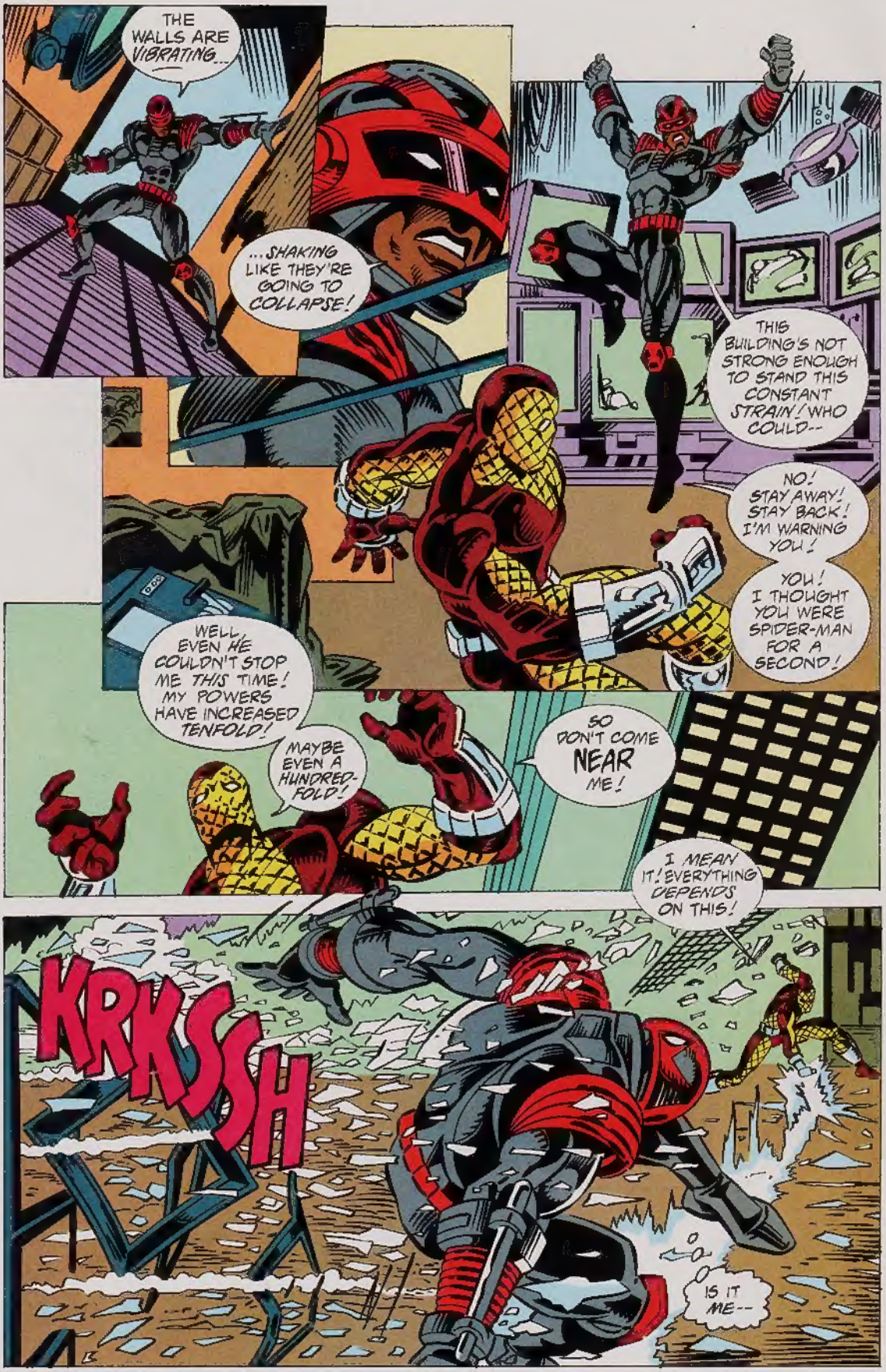
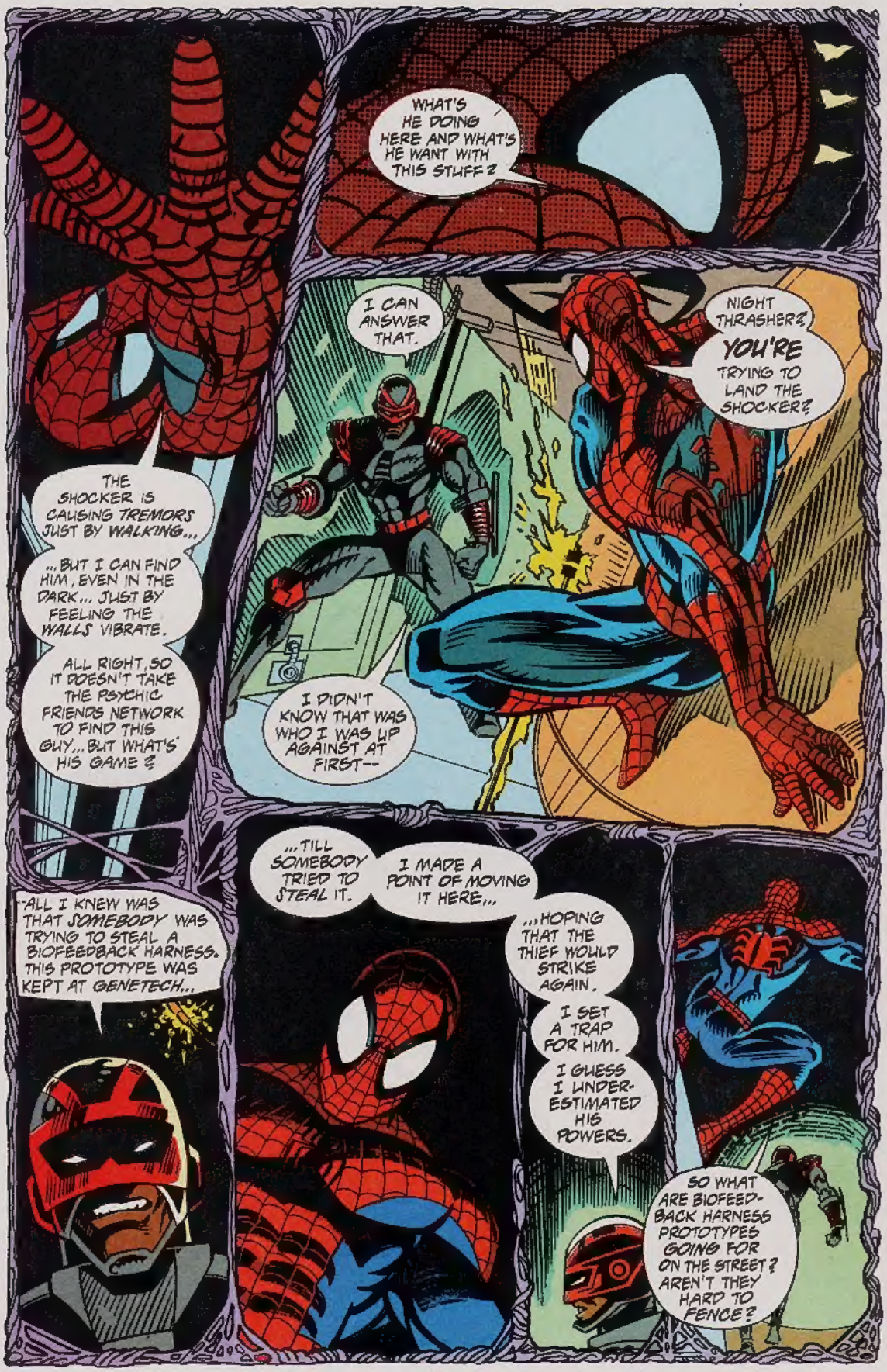

WHOA! THAT BUILDING IS TREMBLING VIOLENTLY--
...AND IF I DON'T MAKE A MOVE SOON, I'LL BE A SQUASHED SPIDER!
RUMBLE
MY WEBBING CAN MAKE A TRAMPOLINE...
...TO BREAK MY FALL... BEFORE THE FALL BREAKS ME.
MAYBE ONE DAY THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WILL RECOGNIZE WEB-JUMPING AS AN EXHIBITION SPORT.
THIS SEEMS SOLID ENOUGH. I DON'T THINK THIS WALL WILL WALK AWAY...
...BUT LOOK WHO IS.
THAT PADDED UNIFORM... IT'S EITHER THE COUCH THAT WALKS LIKE A MAN... OR THE SHOCKER!
WHAT'S HE WANT WITH THAT ABANDONED TV STATION?

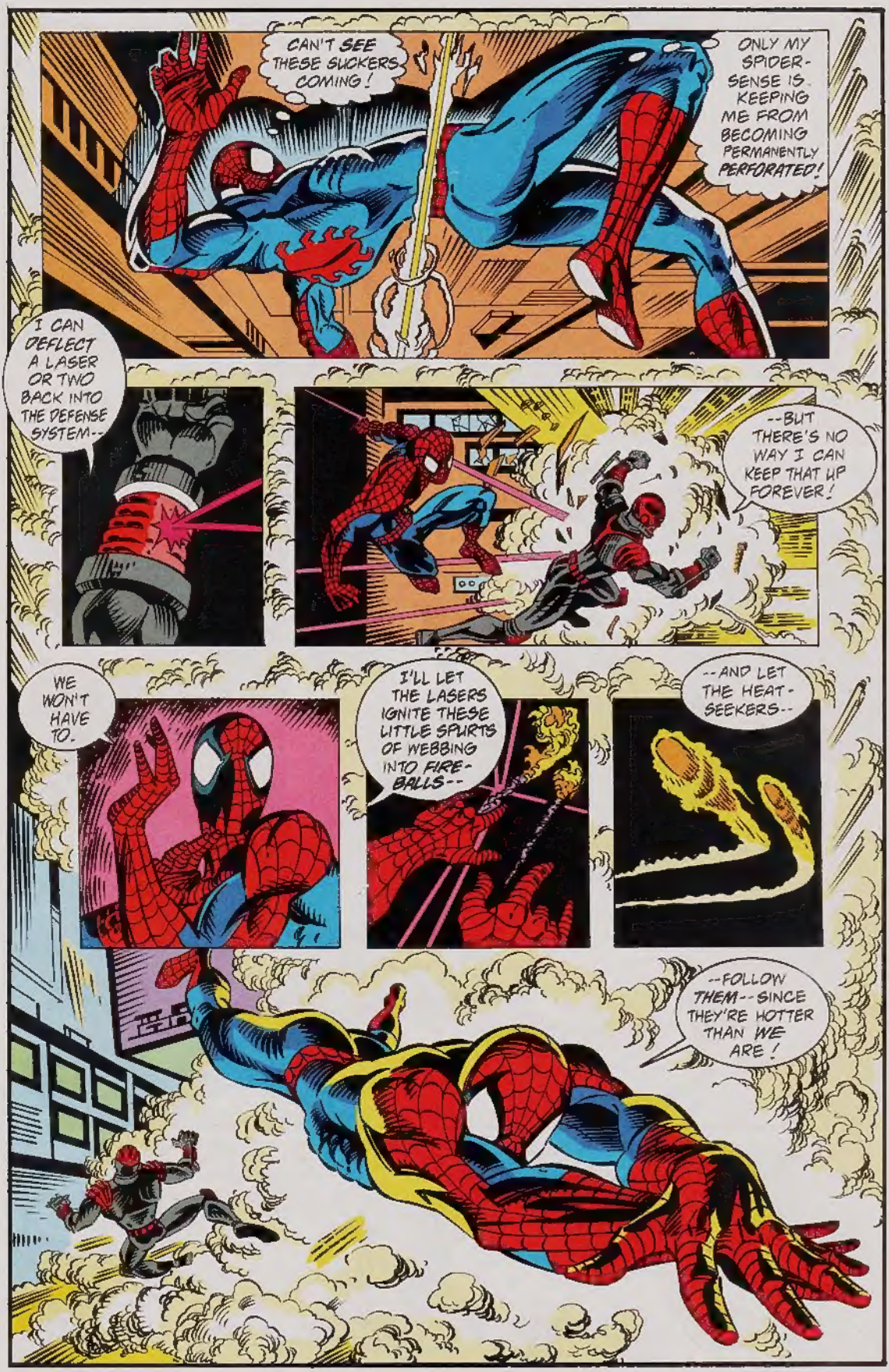

INSIDE...
THE TRAP IS SET.
IT'S A GOOD THING I HELD OFF SELLING THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY. I KNEW IT WOULD COME IN HANDY. I RIGGED THIS PLACE UP REAL GOOD.
IF SO MUCH AS A RAT SCURRIES ACROSS A FLOOR, THE VIDEO MONITORS AND MOTION DETECTORS WILL REGISTER IT.
I'LL BE EXPECTING ONE PARTICULAR RAT TO SHOW UP AND ATTEMPT TO POP THE JOINT... AND IF HE DOES, HE'LL FIND HE'S GOT...
...COMPANY.
BREACH A-7
I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE THIS!
THE SECURITY SYSTEM'S PICKED UP SOMETHING MAJOR.
WHATEVER IT IS... DWAYNE TAYLOR'S UP FOR IT... AS NIGHT THRASHER!


THE WALLS ARE VIBRATING...
...SHAKING LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO COLLAPSE!
THIS BUILDING'S NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND THIS CONSTANT STRAIN! WHO COULD--
NO! STAY AWAY! STAY BACK! I'M WARNING YOU!
YOU! I THOUGHT YOU WERE SPIDER-MAN FOR A SECOND!
WELL, EVEN HE COULDN'T STOP ME THIS TIME! MY POWERS HAVE INCREASED TENFOLD!
MAYBE EVEN A HUNDRED-FOLD!
SO DON'T COME NEAR ME!
I MEAN IT! EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON THIS!
KRKSSH
IS IT ME--

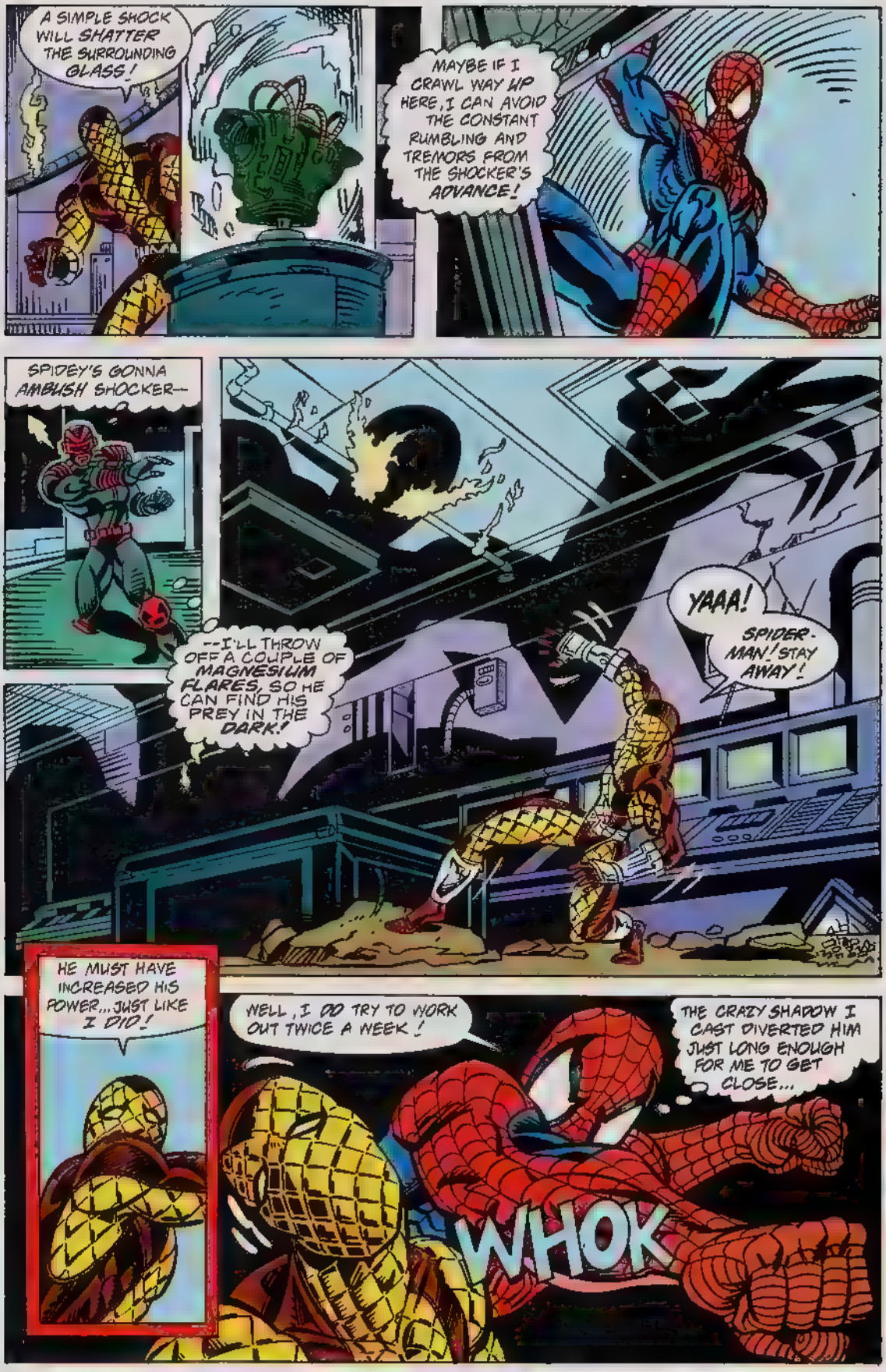
--OR IS THAT MAN CERTIFIABLE?
CAN'T STAND UP! HE STALKED OFF... AND STARTED A SERIES OF SEISMIC SHOCKS!
CAN'T EVEN REGAIN MY BALANCE!
GOTTA STOP HIM... LONG DISTANCE!
THESE SHOULD DO THE DEED...
FOAM PELLETS! NORMALLY I USE THIS TO PUT OUT FIRES!
BUT THEY SHOULD SLOW HIM DOWN!
NO GOOD. THE FOAM'S JUST SLOPPING DOWN THE CRACKS HE'S MAKING AS HE WALKS!
NO CHOICE BUT TO LET HIM GO OFF.
"GO OFF" IS A GOOD WAY OF PUTTING IT. HE SEEMS AS WORRIED AS HE IS POWERFUL.
THAT WAS THE GOOD NEWS.
THE BAD NEWS IS THAT HIS SEISMIC AFTER-SHOCKS HAVE TOTALLY K.O'D MY SECURITY SYSTEM! HE'S CAUSED A POWER FAILURE!


WHAT'S HE DOING HERE AND WHAT'S HE WANT WITH THIS STUFF?
I CAN ANSWER THAT.
NIGHT THRASHER? YOU'RE TRYING TO LAND THE SHOCKER?
THE SHOCKER IS CAUSING TREMORS JUST BY WALKING...
...BUT I CAN FIND HIM, EVEN IN THE DARK... JUST BY FEELING THE WALLS VIBRATE.
ALL RIGHT, SO IT DOESN'T TAKE THE PSYCHIC FRIENDS NETWORK TO FIND THIS GUY... BUT WHAT'S HIS GAME?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS WHO I WAS UP AGAINST AT FIRST--
...TILL SOMEBODY TRIED TO STEAL IT.
I MADE A POINT OF MOVING IT HERE...
...HOPING THAT THE THIEF WOULD STRIKE AGAIN.
I SET A TRAP FOR HIM.
I GUESS I UNDER-ESTIMATED HIS POWERS.
ALL I KNEW WAS THAT SOMEBODY WAS TRYING TO STEAL A BIOFEEDBACK HARNESS. THIS PROTOTYPE WAS KEPT AT GENETECH...
SO WHAT ARE BIOFEED-BACK HARNESS PROTOTYPES GOING FOR ON THE STREET? AREN'T THEY HARD TO FENCE?

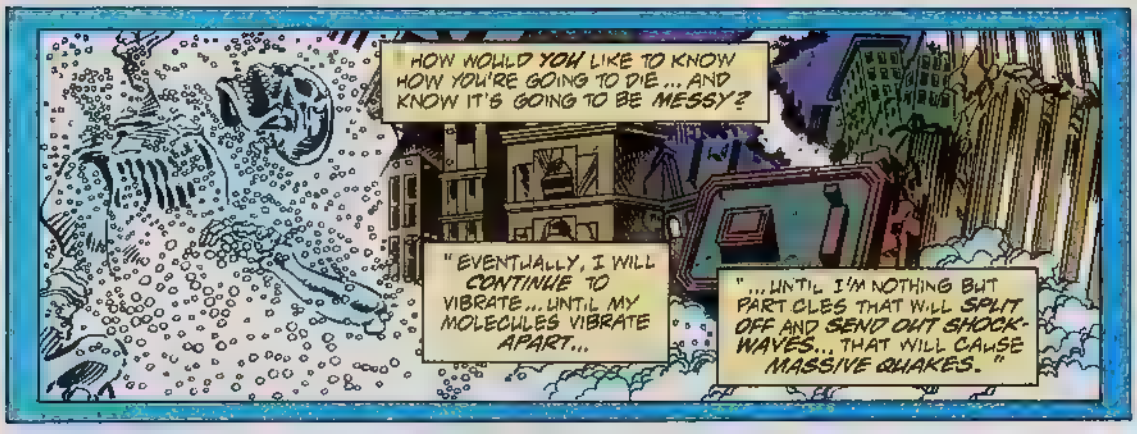
HE MUST HAVE SOME DARKER PURPOSE.
SPEAKING OF DARK, CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE LIGHTS?
NO. I CAN RESTORE THE SECURITY SYSTEM. BUT YOUR PLAYMATE'S INCREASED POWER HAS SHOT THE WIRING TO THE LIGHTS! YOU CAN FOLLOW ME, I CAN SEE IN THE DARK.
AND I KNOW THE LAYOUT OF THIS PLACE.
I HAVE MY OWN METHOD OF FINDING MY WAY IN THE DARK.
NAMELY MY TRUSTY SPIDER-SENSE.
BESIDES--THOSE TREMORS ARE STARTING AGAIN.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL NEED A ROADMAP TO FIND THIS GUY.
THERE HE IS! I SEE HIM THROUGH MY NIGHT VISION LENS!
N-NO! NOT YOU! NOT NOW!
N-NOT... S-SPIDER-MAN!
DO YOU ALWAYS STAMMER LIKE THAT, SHOCKIE... OR ARE YOU JUST HOOKED ON PHONICS?
THIS WILL KEEP YOU BACK!
MAYBE RECONNECTING YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM WAS A POOR IDEA, EH?
LASERS! HEAT-SEEKING PROJECTILES! THEY'RE HEADING FOR ALL OF US!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS RESPECTED ABOUT YOU, THRASH... THAT KEEN GRASP OF THE OBVIOUS!

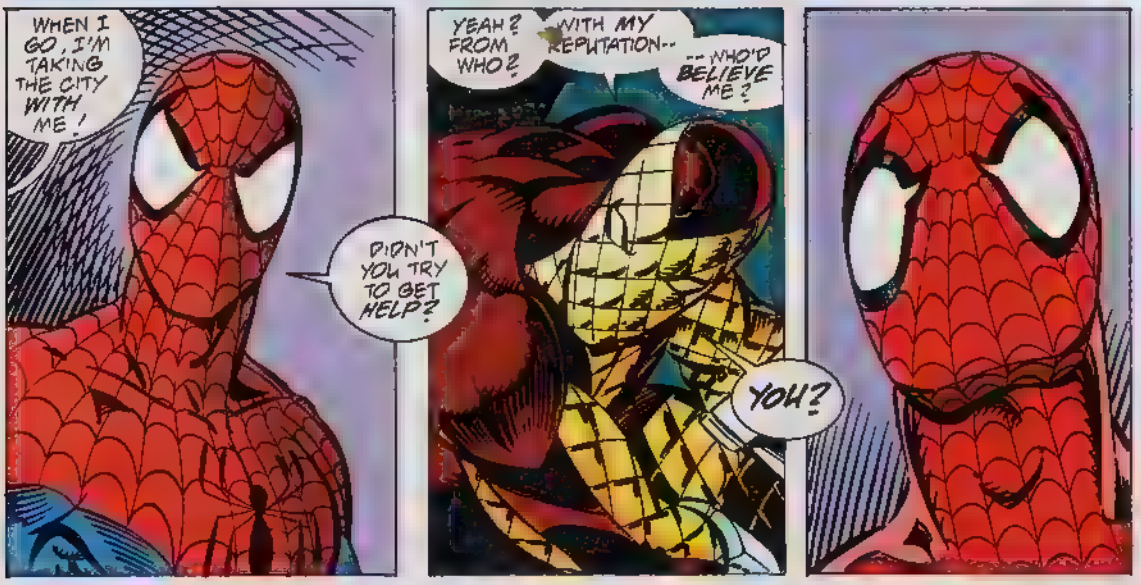

CAN'T SEE THESE SUCKERS COMING!
ONLY MY SPIDER-SENSE IS KEEPING ME FROM BECOMING PERMANENTLY PERFORATED!
I CAN DEFLECT A LASER OR TWO BACK INTO THE DEFENSE SYSTEM--
--BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN KEEP THAT UP FOREVER!
WE WON'T HAVE TO.
I'LL LET THE LASERS IGNITE THESE LITTLE SPURTS OF WEBBING INTO FIRE-BALLS--
--AND LET THE HEAT-SEEKERS--
--FOLLOW THEM--SINCE THEY'RE HOTTER THAN WE ARE!

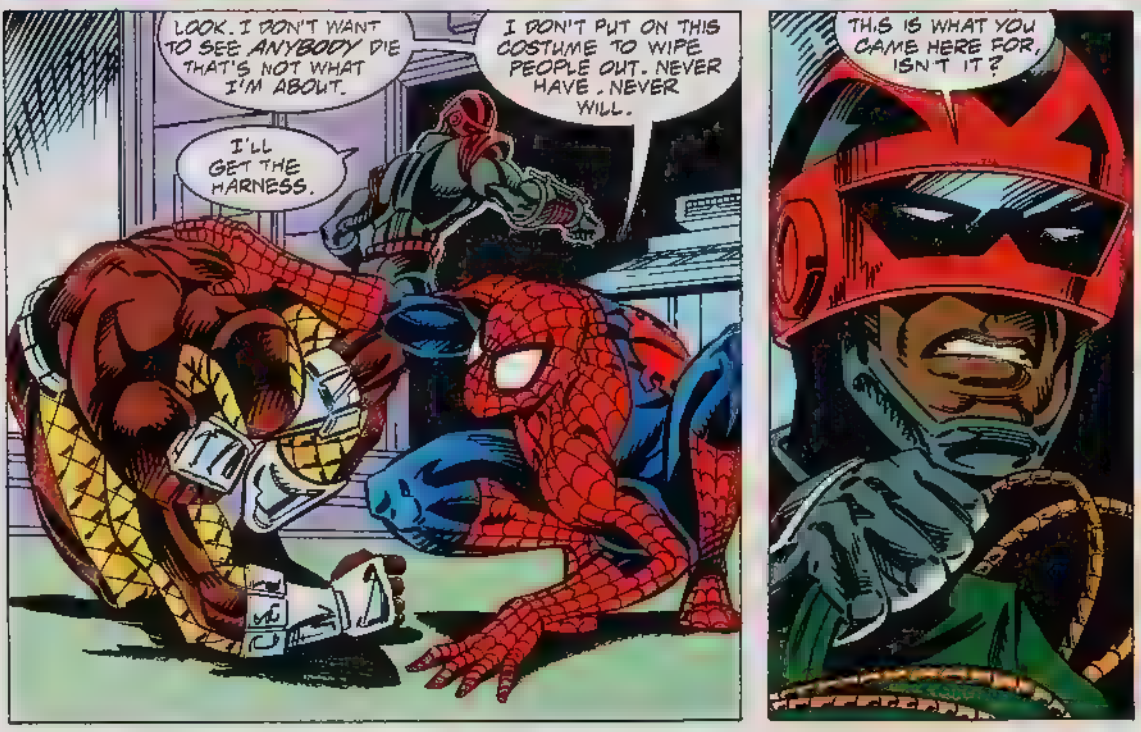
HEY! WHO SHOT SHOCKIE FULLA STEROIDS?
HE CAN'T EVEN TAKE A STEP WITHOUT REGISTERING ON THE RICHTER SCALE!
HIS POWER'S GROWING BY THE MINUTE!
IT'S A STRUGGLE JUST TO STAND NEAR HIM!
USED TO BE, THAT WAS DUE TO HIS POOR CHOICE OF DEODORANT.
NOW, HE'S SO JITTERY AND UNPREDICTABLE, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL DO WITH HIS INCREASED POWER!
I CAN GUESS LOOK AHEAD.
AT LAST! I'VE FOUND WHAT I CAME FOR!
THE BIO-FEEDBACK HARNESS!
NOTHING CAN STOP ME FROM GETTING IT NOW!
DON'T BE TOO SURE!
I'M PAYING FOR A RASH ACT LIKE THAT--
NOW YOU WILL, TOO!
THWIPP
HOW MUCH MORE POWERFUL CAN SHOCKER GET?
IF IT'S THAT GIZMO HE WANTS, I'VE GOT TO KEEP HIM FROM IT--
--BY WEBBING UP THE WAY TO IT!
NICE TRY.
BUT NOW I CAN RADIATE SEISMIC WAVES THAT CAN BRING DOWN THE ENTIRE DOORWAY!
YOUR WEB HAS NOTHING TO CLING TO! THE HARNESS IS MINE!


A SIMPLE SHOCK WILL SHATTER THE SURROUNDING GLASS!
MAYBE IF I CRAWL WAY UP HERE, I CAN AVOID THE CONSTANT RUMBLING AND TREMORS FROM THE SHOCKER'S ADVANCE!
SPIDEY'S GONNA AMBUSH SHOCKER--
--I'LL THROW OFF A COUPLE OF MAGNESIUM FLARES, SO HE CAN FIND HIS PREY IN THE DARK!
YAAA!
SPIDER-MAN! STAY AWAY!
HE MUST HAVE INCREASED HIS POWER... JUST LIKE I DID!
WELL, I DO TRY TO WORK OUT TWICE A WEEK!
THE CRAZY SHADOW I CAST DIVERTED HIM JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET CLOSE...
WHOK

...AND GET HIM TO TAKE FIVE. MAYBE YOU WANNA TELL US WHAT TURNED YOU INTO THE HUMAN EARTHQUAKE? WHAT'S THE SECRET OF YOUR SUCCESS? SWALLOW A BLENDER?
I'VE DONE A TERRIBLE THING.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT. I SHOULD HAVE LEFT WELL ENOUGH ALONE.
MY POWERS WERE ARTIFICIALLY CREATED. YOU KNEW THAT. IT WASN'T ENOUGH FOR ME, THOUGH.
OH, NO, NOT ENOUGH FOR ME. I HAD TO GO MESSING AROUND WITH MY SYSTEM.
I FIGURED IF I BECAME MORE FORMIDABLE, MY FEARS OF SPIDER-MAN... OF SCOURGE... OF EVERYBODY... WOULD CEASE.
I'D BE THE ONE CAUSING THE FEAR IN PEOPLE FOR A CHANGE.
WELL, NOW I'M MORE AFRAID THAN EVER.
MY POWER'S INCREASED, BUT INCREASED TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN'T CONTROL IT.
AND WHAT'S WORSE... AS A RESULT...
...I'M GOING TO DIE.


HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO DIE... AND KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE MESSY?
"EVENTUALLY, I WILL CONTINUE TO VIBRATE... UNTIL MY MOLECULES VIBRATE APART...
"...UNTIL I'M NOTHING BUT PARTICLES THAT WILL SPLIT OFF AND SEND OUT SHOCK-WAVES... THAT WILL CAUSE MASSIVE QUAKES."

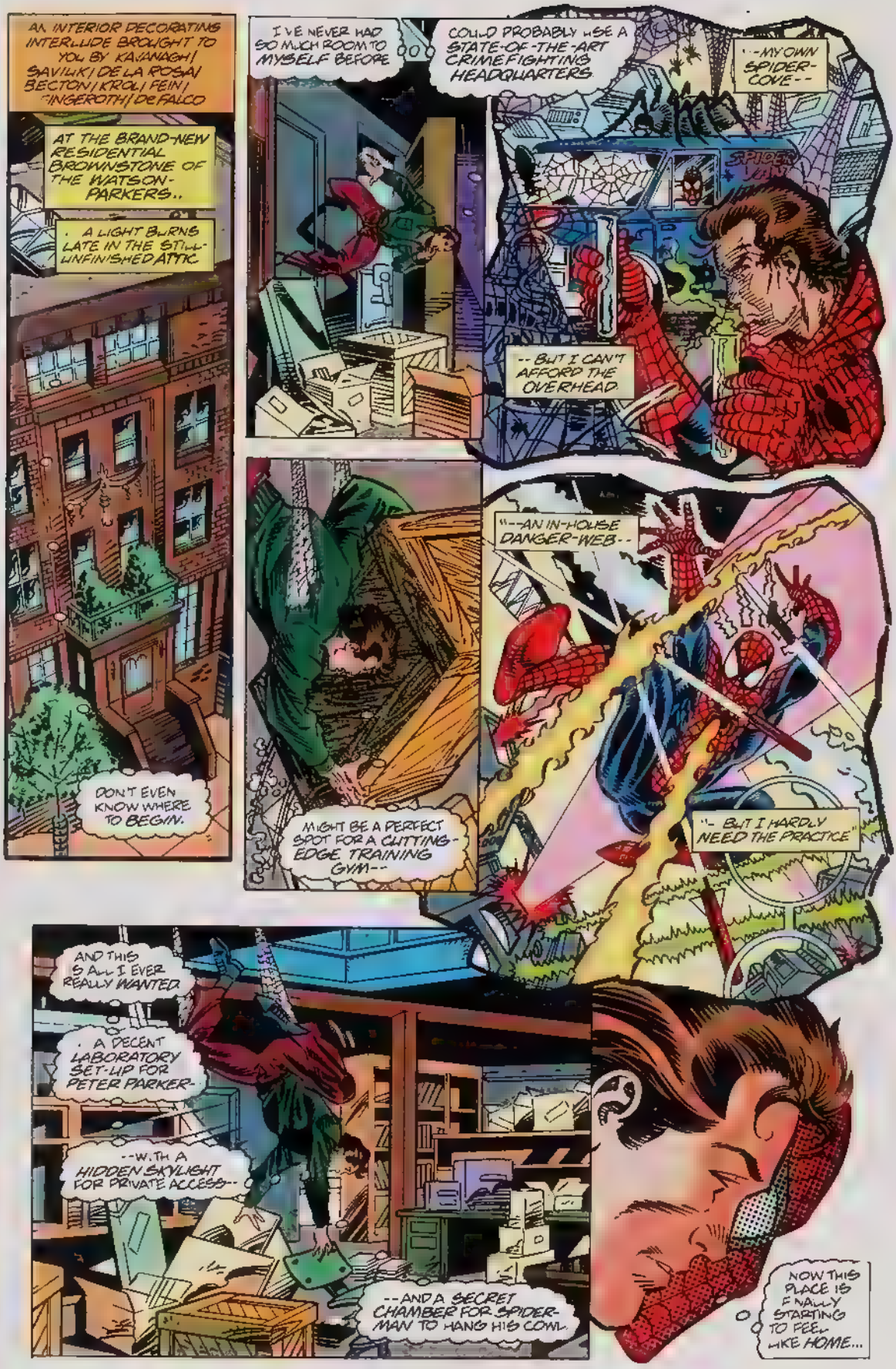

WHEN I GO, I'M TAKING THE CITY WITH ME!
DIDN'T YOU TRY TO GET HELP?
YEAH? FROM WHO?
WITH MY REPUTATION--
--WHO'D BELIEVE ME?
YOU?

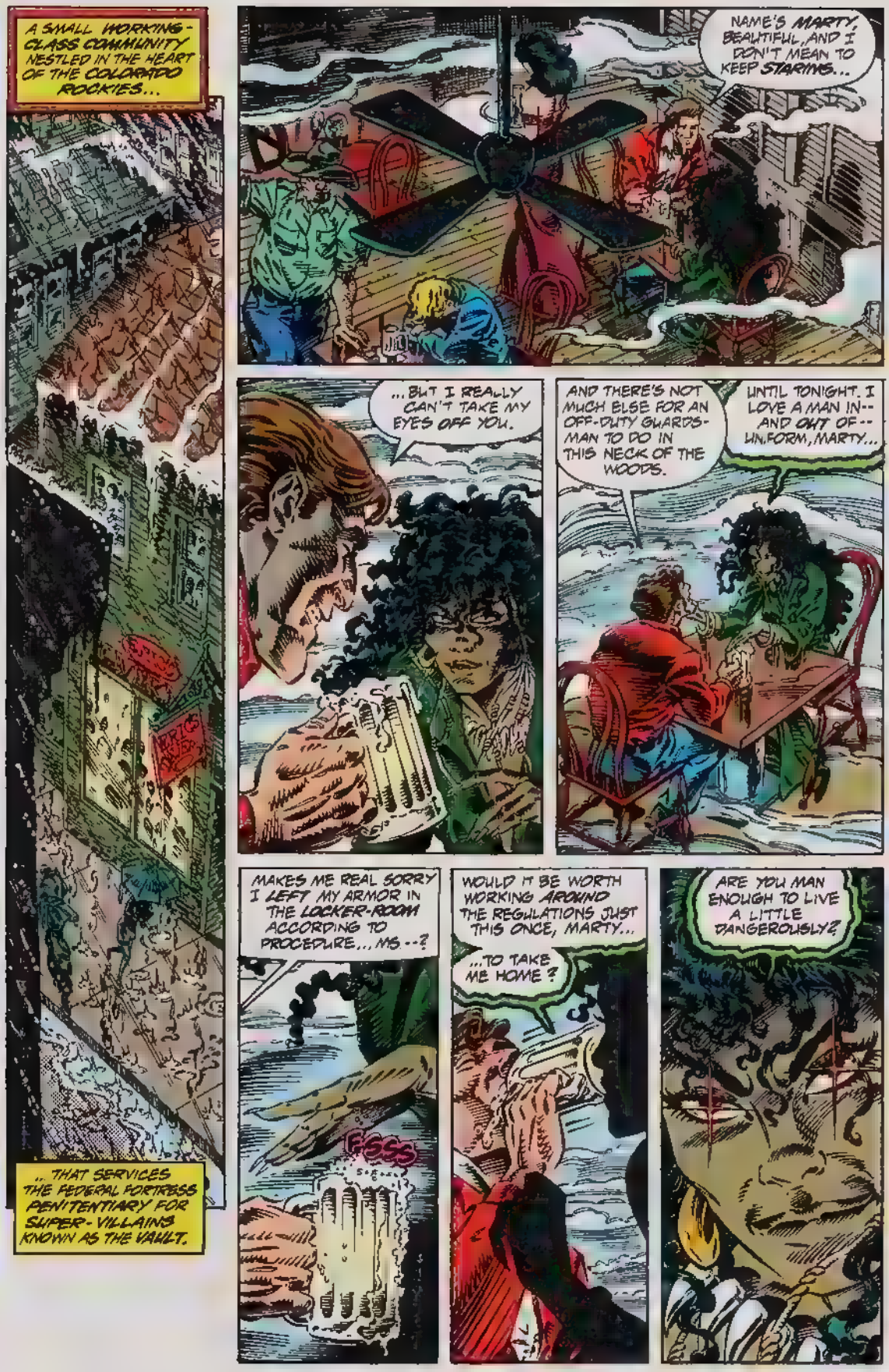

LOOK. I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYBODY DIE THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M ABOUT.
I'LL GET THE HARNESS.
I DON'T PUT ON THIS COSTUME TO WIPE PEOPLE OUT. NEVER HAVE. NEVER WILL.
THIS IS WHAT YOU CAME HERE FOR, ISN'T IT?

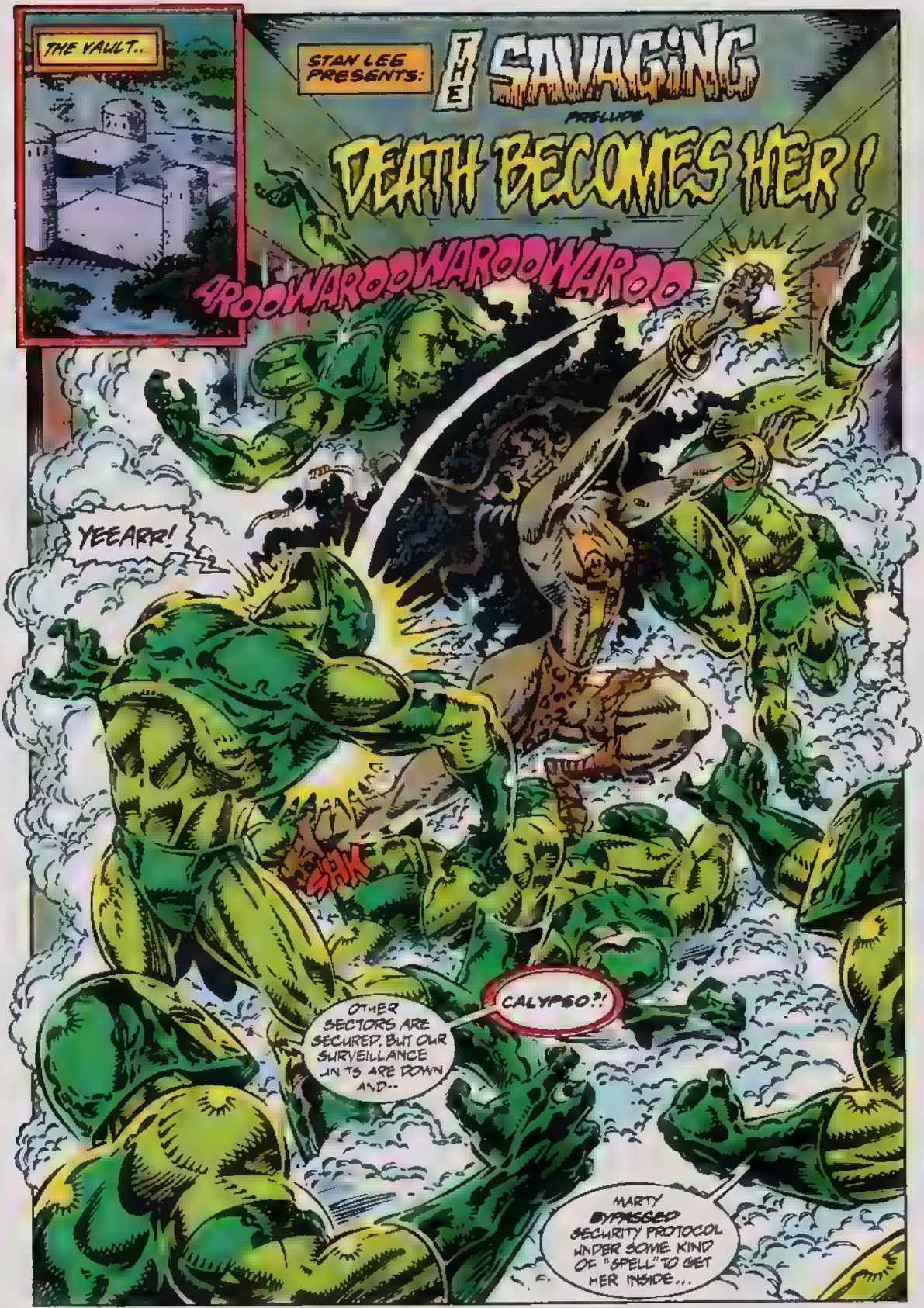
YES. THE BIOFEEDBACK HARNESS SHOULD SLOW THE PROCESS BACK DOWN TO NORMAL LEVELS. THAT'S THE THEORY, ANYWAY.
ALL RIGHT. LET ME FIRE IT UP.
HERE GOES..
..NOTHING.
I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING.
I'VE GONE THROUGH ALL THIS... FOR NOTHING!
WHAT'S THE USE? IT'S OVER! MY LIFE IS OVER!
CALM DOWN.
EVERY PROBLEM HAS ITS OWN SOLUTION.
NOW, VERY EXACTLY... TELL US HOW YOU GOT INTO THIS MESS... AND WE'LL GET YOU OUT.
WELL, THE WORK I DID STARTED BY INCREASING THE AMPLITUDE OF THE VIBRATIONS... TILL THEY ECHO AND BECOME STRONGER.
WAITAMINNIT, WAITAMINNIT. YOUR VIBRATIONS MIGHT HAVE A FREQUENCY... JUST LIKE A RADIO HAS A FREQUENCY.
THRASH, THIS DUMP HAS SOUND EQUIPMENT, RIGHT?
I'M ON IT.

SOON...
WE'VE HOOKED THESE WEB STRANDS UP TO AN AMP. THEY EACH HAVE A DIFFERENT PITCH.
DO YOU CATCH WHAT I'M DOING, THRASH?
YEAH... IT'S LIKE YOU'VE MADE A BIG ELECTRIC VIOLIN...
...AND THE TRICK IS TO KEEP ITS STRINGS VIBRATING CONTINUOUSLY... LIKE A BIG TUNING FORK.
HMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM
Y'SEE, SHOCK, THE FREQUENCY OF YOUR VIBRATIONS CAN PROBABLY BE TUNED IN AND OUT THE SAME WAY YOU CAN TUNE A SHORT-WAVE RADIO.
ONCE WE FIND THE COUNTER-FREQUENCY...
...GRASP THE WEB-STRINGS!
NOW!
HMMMMMMMMMM
HMMMM MMMMMMMM

IT'S DONE!
I CAN WALK! I CAN..
...CAN TAKE A LONG NAP, HE MEANS!
PLEASANT DREAMS, SHOCKIE! YOU COULD USE SOME.
WILL HE BE OKAY?
THAT'S A QUEST ON FOR THE DOCS AT THE VAULT.
I'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS THERE! THANKS FOR THE HELP!
ANYTIME, THRASH.
SHOCKER'S GOT A NORMAL LIFE AGA N, IF YOU CALL THAT LIV NG.
EXCUSE ME, DID I JUST USE THE TERM NORMAL LIFE' AS IF SPINNING WEBS AND SW NGING OVER SKYSCRAPERS COULD BE CALLED "NORMAL"?
AH WELL... IT BEATS L VING N FEAR... N THE SHOCKER'S QUAK NG BOOTS..
...BUT I CAN'T HELP WONDERING .. IF THE ACC DENT THAT GAVE ME MY POWERS HAD GONE WRONG... THREATENING MY LIFE..
...WHO COULD I HAVE GONE TO FOR HELP?
THE END


AN INTERIOR DECORATING INTERLUDE BROUGHT TO YOU BY KAJANAGH/ SAVIUK/ DE LA ROSA/ BECTON/ KROL/ FEIN/ FINGEROTH/ DeFALCO
AT THE BRAND-NEW RESIDENTIAL BROWNSTONE OF THE WATSON-PARKERS..
. A LIGHT BURNS LATE IN THE STILL-UNFINISHED ATTIC
DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.
I'VE NEVER HAD SO MUCH ROOM TO MYSELF BEFORE
COULD PROBABLY USE A STATE-OF-THE-ART CRIME FIGHTING HEADQUARTERS
--MY OWN SPIDER-COVE--
--BUT I CAN'T AFFORD THE OVERHEAD
MIGHT BE A PERFECT SPOT FOR A CUTTING-EDGE TRAINING GYM--
--AN IN-HOUSE DANGER-WEB--
--BUT I HARDLY NEED THE PRACTICE
AND THIS IS ALL I EVER REALLY WANTED
. A DECENT LABORATORY SET-UP FOR PETER PARKER-
--WITH A HIDDEN SKYLIGHT FOR PRIVATE ACCESS--
--AND A SECRET CHAMBER FOR SPIDER-MAN TO HANG HIS COWL
NOW THIS PLACE IS FINALLY STARTING TO FEEL LIKE HOME...


A SMALL WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITY NESTLED IN THE HEART OF THE COLORADO ROCKIES...
... THAT SERVICES THE FEDERAL FORTRESS PENITENTIARY FOR SUPER-VILLAINS KNOWN AS THE VAULT.
NAME'S MARTY, BEAUTIFUL, AND I DON'T MEAN TO KEEP STARING...
...BUT I REALLY CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU.
AND THERE'S NOT MUCH ELSE FOR AN OFF-DUTY GUARDSMAN TO DO IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS.
UNTIL TONIGHT. I LOVE A MAN IN-- AND OUT OF-- UNIFORM, MARTY...
MAKES ME REAL SORRY I LEFT MY ARMOR IN THE LOCKER-ROOM ACCORDING TO PROCEDURE... MS--?
FSSS
WOULD IT BE WORTH WORKING AROUND THE REGULATIONS JUST THIS ONCE, MARTY...
...TO TAKE ME HOME?
ARE YOU MAN ENOUGH TO LIVE A LITTLE DANGEROUSLY?


THE VAULT..
STAN LEE PRESENTS:
THE SAVAGING
PRELUDE
DEATH BECOMES HER!
AROOWAROOWAROOWAROO
YEEARR!
SHK
OTHER SECTORS ARE SECURED, BUT OUR SURVEILLANCE UNITS ARE DOWN AND--
CALYPSO?!
MARTY BYPASSED SECURITY PROTOCOL UNDER SOME KIND OF "SPELL" TO GET HER INSIDE...
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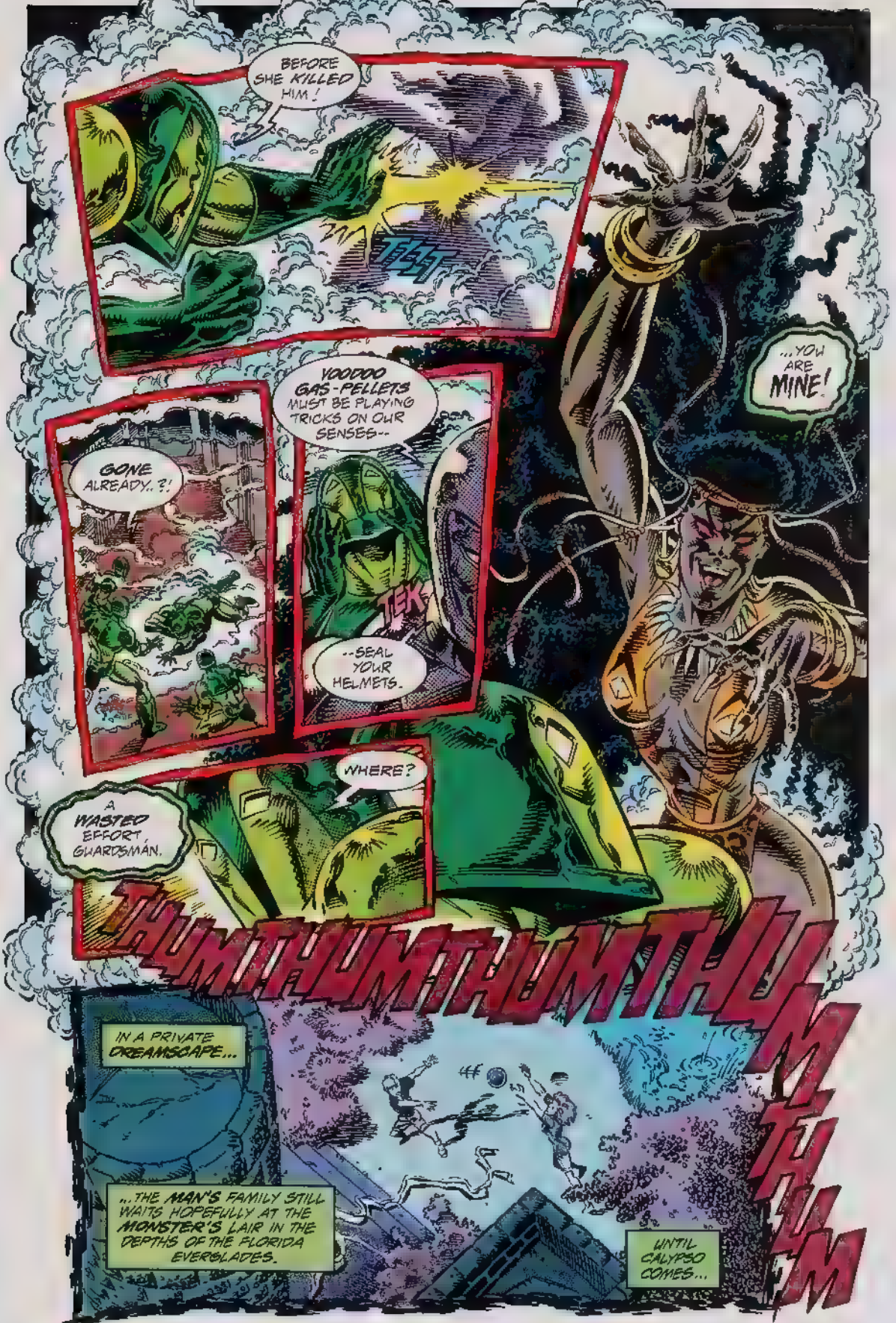
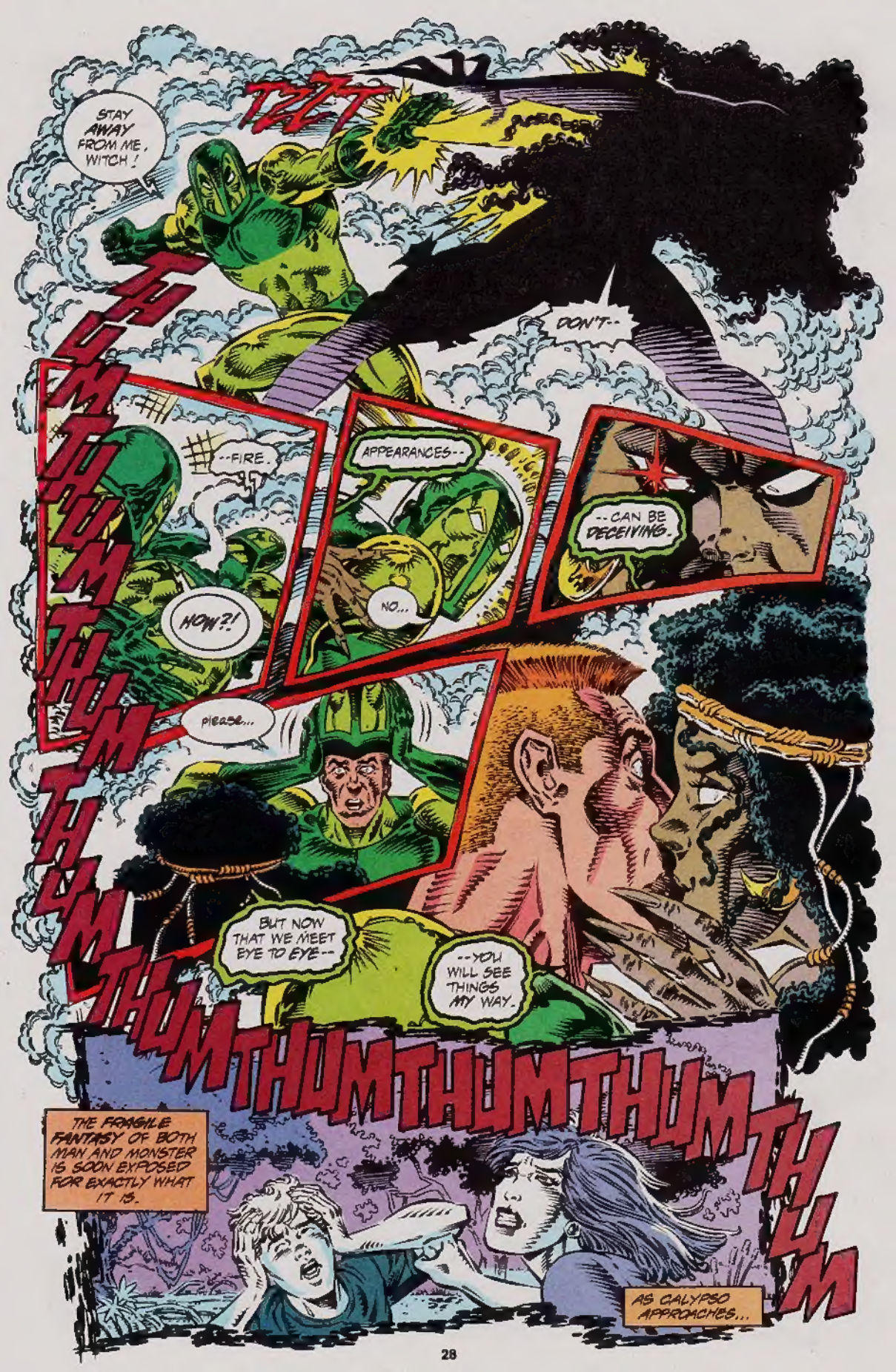
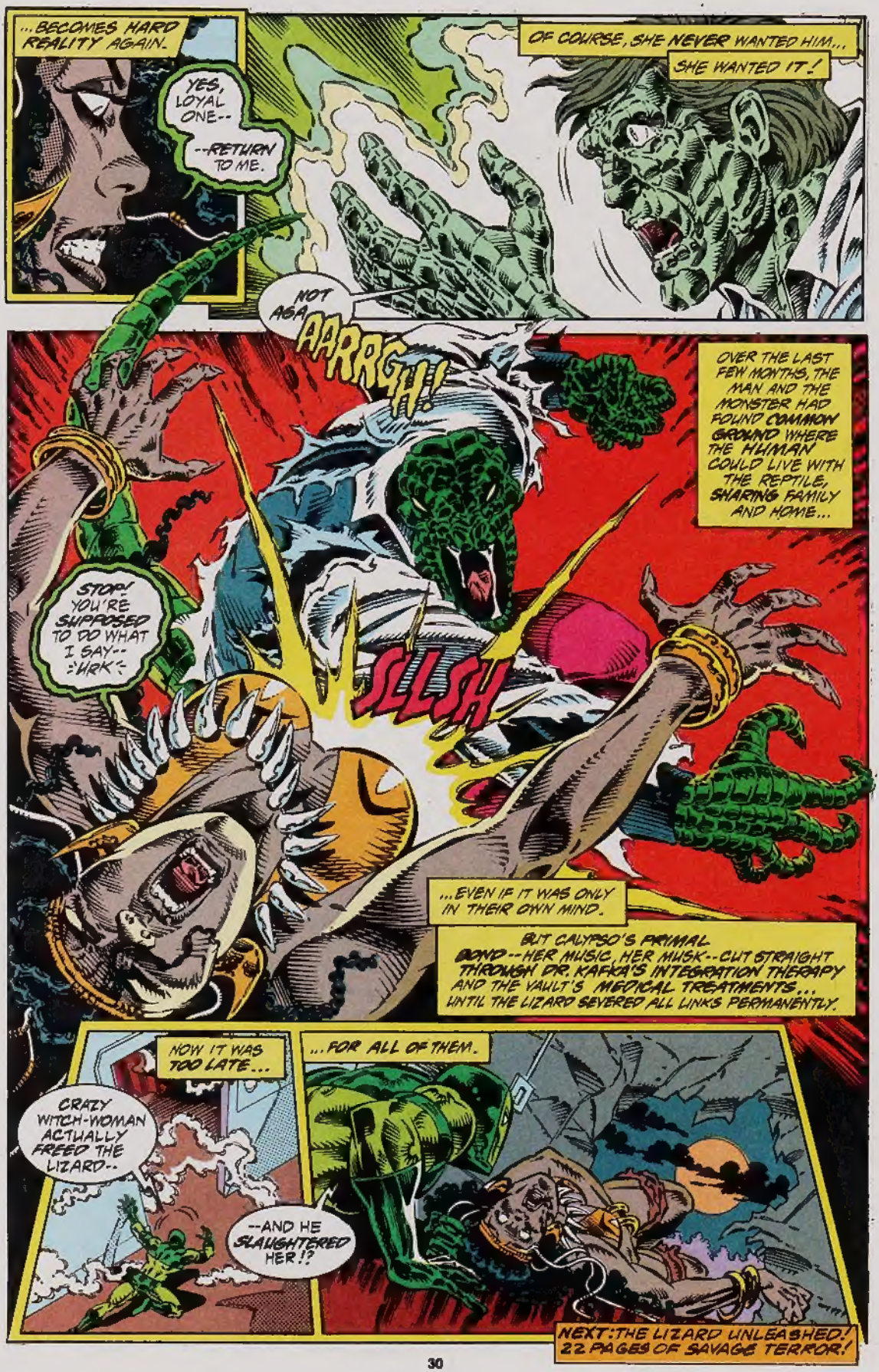

BEFORE SHE KILLED HIM!
TEK
...YOU ARE MINE!
VOODOO GAS-PELLETS MUST BE PLAYING TRICKS ON OUR SENSES--
GONE ALREADY..?!
TEK
--SEAL YOUR HELMETS.
WHERE?
A WASTED EFFORT, GUARDSMAN.
THUMTHUMTHUMTH


STAY AWAY FROM ME, WITCH!
TZT
DON'T--
--FIRE.
APPEARANCES--
--CAN BE DECEIVING.
NO...
HOW?!
please...
BUT NOW THAT WE MEET EYE TO EYE--
--YOU WILL SEE THINGS MY WAY.
THUMTHUMTHUMTHUMTHUMTHUMTHUMTHUMTHUM
THE FRAGILE FANTASY OF BOTH MAN AND MONSTER IS SOON EXPOSED FOR EXACTLY WHAT IT IS.
AS CALYPSO APPROACHES...

WHAT THE?!
STOP STOP STOP!
SHE'S GOING AFTER THE DOCTOR--
TZZT
POK
NOT QUITE.
MY MESMERIZED PAWN'S GAUNTLET DEACTIVATES THE SENSOR-LOCKS, YET TIME IS SHORT...
TEK
...AND DR. CURTIS CONNERS IS ALL BUT USELESS TO ME.
THUMTHUM
I NEED MY FAVORED PET.
NOT AGAIN...
THUMTHUM
AND THE HEALING ILLUSION...
...IS FINALLY-- AND FOREVER-- SHATTERED.
WHEN THE POUNDING PRESENCE OF CALYPSO...


...BECOMES HARD REALITY AGAIN.
YES, LOYAL ONE--
--RETURN TO ME.
OF COURSE, SHE NEVER WANTED HIM...
SHE WANTED IT.!
NOT ASA
AARRGH!
OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, THE MAN AND THE MONSTER HAD FOUND COMMON GROUND WHERE THE HUMAN COULD LIVE WITH THE REPTILE, SHARING FAMILY AND HOME...
STOP! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO WHAT I SAY-- :HRK:
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...EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY IN THEIR OWN MIND.
BUT CALYPSO'S PRIMAL BOND--HER MUSIC, HER MUSK--CUT STRAIGHT THROUGH DR. KAFKA'S INTEGRATION THERAPY AND THE VAULT'S MEDICAL TREATMENTS... UNTIL THE LIZARD SEVERED ALL LINKS PERMANENTLY.
NOW IT WAS TOO LATE...
...FOR ALL OF THEM.
CRAZY WITCH-WOMAN ACTUALLY FREED THE LIZARD--
--AND HE SLAUGHTERED HER!?
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Starting in two months we are going to institute a new feature for our letters page – the "Letter of the Month" – the best, most well-thought-out and entertaining letter will be put in a cool box to kick off our letters page each and every month! Here's your chance for greatness; start writing now!

This issue we play "letters page catchup" and sample your responses to our INFINITY CRUSADE crossover, "Crisis of Conscience."

Dear Danny and Eric,

Issue #104 was the first copy of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN that I'd ever picked up. I was a fan of many Marvel mags back in the mid-1980's, but drifted away from comics for a while. I was recently lured back into comics, and decided to pick up some Spider-Man titles to test the waters for myself, and I must tell you I was pleasantly surprised.

Despite being a bit confused as to the exact nature of the INFINITY CRUSADE crossover events, I felt the book was both well written and nicely drawn. Alex Saviuk, Don Hudson, and Bob Sharen did a fine job of rendering the wall-crawler in all his glory. The confrontation with Moondragon was especially well done.

I was glad to see that there had been changes; none since I had last read Spidey's tales would have indicated some serious stagnation. One great change is Spidey's marriage to Mary Jane. Great stuff! At the same time, I was glad to see that J. Jonah Jameson was still ranting and raving as always. (Is he one of the all-time classic supporting characters or what?) I'm amazed that Robbie hasn't thrown him off the Daily Bugle roof by now!

All in all, this is definitely enough to make me want to come back for more! Thanks for restoring some faith to a long-time fan who finds himself all-too-easily jaded nowadays. Comics like WEB OF SPIDER-MAN are there for the best reason of all -- just plain fun!

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Welcome back, Todd! However, just because you're having fun doesn't necessarily mean Spidey will be! Is that an ominous hint of things to come? You bet!

Oh, and don't tell Jonah about that "supporting character" thing. JJJ thinks he's the star and we sure don't want to face his wrath!

Dear Arachno-people,

I am writing about issue #106. I liked seeing Spidey battle it out with Strong Guy and the Thing. The art by Alex was great as always. Will Stephen Baskerville be the regular inker on this title? I'm also glad to find out that Nightwatch will be receiving his own series next year.

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Stephen Baskerville is indeed the regular inker on WEB, and he and Alex are getting better every month! As far as NIGHTWATCH goes, in addition to regular writer Terry Kavanagh, we've lined up Ron Lim and Al Milgrom to do the art for the first three issues, with Steven Butler, who just did a great Venom in SILVER SABLE, and who'll be drawing Carnage in '94's AMAZING ANNUAL, to pick up the penciling with issue #4, while the mighty Al maintains the inking greatness. Look for it on sale in early 1994! It's going to be great!

Dear Eric,

Spider-Man's adventures in THE INFINITY CRUSADE are really interesting here in the pages of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN. And while Spider-Man usually doesn't fit into a cosmic setting, "Infinity Crusader" was excellent.

Terry Kavanagh has improved as a writer since his debut, and has stopped merely tracing the footsteps of Howard Mackie. My biggest worry is that Terry will make "Crisis of Conscience" just another "Spidey-on-a-guilt-trip story. But with the intervention of everyone's favorite Goddess, that shouldn't happen. Even more interesting than the cosmic fun is the affair between Joe Robertson and Betty Brant. A little scandal in the pages of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN could be interesting!

Then there's Nightwatch in "Deathmask." I have no problem whatsoever with Kevin Trench, and the character will assuredly grow on me. Terry's script was, again, interesting.

Alex Saviuk continues to be the most underrated Spider-artist around, and with inker Don Hudson, he really stunned me. Bill Wylie and Tim Tuohy also did a good job, but it was the cover that I enjoyed the most. Good job, Alex!

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As you've seen in WEB #s 107 and 108, Betty and Robbie weren't having an affair, but working on a top-secret story! Remember, appearances can be deceiving.

NEXT ISSUE: "The Savaging" kicks into high gear as the Lizard rampages across the country! Can Spidey save him? Plus, the debut of an all-new, ultra-deadly villain – *Warrant!* And he's got Spidey *and* the Lizard in his sights! Don't miss it!

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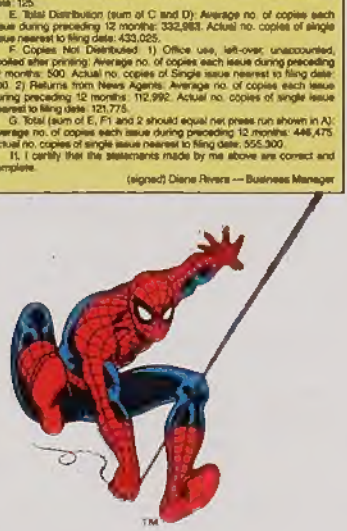
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